GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

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COFFEE GROWERS IN TAMIL NADU
Kharventhan Shri Salarapatty Kuppusamy

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the coffee growers in Tamil Nadu have submitted a memorandum to the Government seeking extension of certain concessions and relief to them which have been presently enjoyed by the growers of different parts of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the action proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

a): Yes, Sir.

b) & d): The Palanimalai Coffee Vyavasaigal Sangam, Pattiveeranpatti had submitted representations during December 2006 seeking extension of Prime Minister`s relief package sanctioned by the Central Government for the farmers of debt distressed 25 districts of Andhra Pradesh, Karnatka and Kerala. It also requested for inclusion Dingdigul District in the formulation of package by the Group of Ministers for Plantation Sector. The Prime Minister`s Relief Package inter-alia included certain coffee growing districts like Chikmgalur, Hassan, Coorg of Karnataka and Wayanad and Palakkad of Kerala, but it is not exclusively addressing the needs of coffee growers. It is for identified debt distressed districts of the above mentioned States. As regards inclusion of Dindigul district in the consideration of GoM, the GoM has considered coffee sector as a whole covering all area.